

Hospital Indemnity Insurance



IMPORTANT: This is a fixed indemnity policy, NOT health insurance

This fixed indemnity policy may pay you a limited dollar amount if you're sick or hospitalized. You're still responsible for paying the cost of your care.

- The payment you get isn't based on the size of your medical bill.
- There might be a limit on how much this policy will pay each year.
- This policy isn't a substitute for comprehensive health insurance.
- Since this policy isn't health insurance, it doesn't have to include most Federal consumer protections that apply to health insurance.

Looking for comprehensive health insurance?

- **Visit [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) online** or call **1-800-318-2596** (TTY: 1-855-889-4325) to find health coverage options.
- To find out if you can get health insurance through your job, or a family member's job, contact the employer.

Questions about this policy?

- For questions or complaints about this policy, contact your State Department of Insurance. Find their number on the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' website ([naic.org](https://www.naic.org)) under "Insurance Departments."
- If you have this policy through your job, or a family member's job, contact the employer.

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Group Hospital Indemnity Insurance

Keep your finances on track when you're in the hospital.

1 You're admitted to the hospital.

Your health insurance covers many costs of your stay and treatment. But you still have a lot of expenses, including deductibles, copays, and other costs you couldn't predict.

2 We send you a check.

The Standard will send a check directly to you - not to your medical providers - upon approval of your claim. You decide how you spend the money.

3 You focus on recovering.

With The Standard helping you handle the costs of your hospital stay, you get to concentrate on what matters most - your health.

Here's what it does:

- **Pays you directly**, so you can choose how to spend the money
- **Goes with you** if you leave your employer
- **Provides coverage** without answering any medical questions
- Gives you the option to **cover your spouse and children**
- **Protects your HSA Account**
- Provides the convenience of having your **premium payments deducted directly from your paycheck**

This coverage from Standard Insurance Company (The Standard) can help protect your finances and provides you peace of mind.

Here's how it works:

Ruptured Ulcer: Kim is out of town on a business trip when she experiences abdominal pain and a racing heartbeat. Diagnosis: ruptured gastric ulcer. She is rushed to the hospital, admitted and taken into surgery. She ends up being hospitalized for 10 days, three of which are in a critical care unit. Kim's spouse leaves their two kids with their daycare provider and flies to be at her side. The family now faces additional costs for medical bills, travel, and childcare amounting to \$3,850.

Here's what your plan would cover for this example:

Benefits Paid to You	Benefit Amount
Hospital admission	\$500
Hospital confinement (10 days)	\$1,000
Critical care unit admission	\$500
Critical care unit confinement (3 days)	\$300
Total paid to you	\$2,300

Here's what it would cost you:

Coverage for...	Monthly Premium
You	\$9.07
You and your spouse	\$15.59
You and your children	\$13.05
You, your spouse and your children	\$23.04

Here's what it covers:

Benefits Paid to You	Benefit Amount
Hospital Admission ¹	\$500 Maximum 1 per calendar year
Daily Hospital Confinement ¹	\$100 per day Maximum 30 days per stay
Critical Care Unit Admission ^{1,2}	\$500 Maximum 1 per calendar year
Daily Critical Care Unit Confinement ^{1,2}	\$100 per day Maximum 10 days per stay

1 Defined as a stay for at least 20 consecutive hours in a hospital setting.

2 Payable in addition to the Hospital Admission and Daily Hospital Confinement benefit you may be eligible to receive.

Additional Benefits

Waiver of Premium – Premium waived if you are confined to a hospital for more than 30 days.

Health Maintenance Screening Benefit – Pays a \$50 benefit once per calendar year when you or your dependents go to the doctor for a covered wellness screening, which may include a novel infectious disease test (including COVID-19) or a mammogram.

Protect your HSA Account – Hospital Indemnity insurance provides financial protection while you are building your HSA assets. Contact your employer to determine if this Hospital Indemnity plan impacts the taxability of your contributions to an HSA. It's protection that's also convenient: Your premium payments can be deducted directly from your paycheck.

Important Details

Here's where you'll find the details about Hospital Indemnity insurance.

Portability

This coverage is portable. That means that you may be able to continue your coverage through direct bill if your employment ends, the group policy terminates or your insurance ends because you no longer meet the eligibility requirements.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for this coverage, you must be 18 years old or older, a regular employee of Cherokee County School District, actively working in the United States at least 20 hours per week and a citizen or resident of the United States. Temporary and seasonal employees, full-time members of the armed forces, leased employees and independent contractors are not eligible.

You can choose to cover your spouse, 18 years old or older, a person to whom you are legally married. You can also cover your children from birth through age 25. Your child cannot be insured by more than one employee. Your spouse or children must not be full-time member(s) of the armed forces. You cannot be insured as both an individual and a dependent.

A minimum number of eligible employees must apply and qualify for the proposed plan before coverage can become effective. If this requirement is not met, this plan will not become effective.

Your Effective Date

You must satisfy the eligibility requirements listed above, serve an eligibility waiting period, agree to pay premium, and be actively at work (able to perform all normal duties of your job) on the day before the scheduled effective date of insurance.

If you are not actively at work on the day before the scheduled effective date of insurance, your insurance will not become effective until the day after you complete one full day of active work as an eligible employee.

Please contact your human resources representative or plan administrator for more information regarding the requirements that must be satisfied for your insurance to become effective.

Annual Open Enrollment

You may enroll for coverage for you and your dependents if you enroll within 31 days after becoming eligible. However, if you do not enroll during this period, you may do so during your employer's annual open enrollment period.

Family Status Change

In the event of a family status change, you and your spouse may enroll for coverage if you or your spouse enroll within 31 days of the change. Family status change include:

- Your marriage or divorce
- The birth of your child
- The adoption of a child
- The death of your dependent
- The commencement or termination of your spouse's employment
- A change in employment from full-time to part-time by your spouse
- A loss of hospital indemnity insurance through your spouse's employment

Waiver of Premium

Your insurance will continue without payment of premiums if you are confined in a hospital for more than 30 days in a row. We will waive payment of premium for your insurance from the 31st day of your confinement until the last day of the month you are in the hospital.

Exclusions

Benefits are not payable if an injury or sickness is caused or contributed to by any of the following:

- War or any act of war
- Attempted suicide or other intentionally self-inflicted injury, while sane or insane
- Committing or attempting to commit an assault, felony or act of terrorism
- Active participation in a violent disorder or riot
- Alcoholism, drug abuse, misuse of alcohol or any other substance, the voluntary use or consumption of any drug or alcohol in excess of the legal limit in the state in which an injury occurred, or taking of drugs unless used or consumed according to the directions of a healthcare provider

- Travel or flight in or on any aircraft, except as a fare-paying passenger on a commercial aircraft
- Cosmetic surgery or other procedure to improve appearance, unless it is necessary to correct a deformity or restore bodily function resulting from an injury or sickness
- Any injury or sickness which arises out of or in the course of you or your dependent being incarcerated in a jail, penal or correctional institution
- Dental care or dental procedures, unless treatment is the result of an injury
- Routine newborn nursing or well-baby care
- Hospital confinement of a newborn child following the child's birth unless the confinement is as a result of an injury or sickness
- Riding in or driving any automobile in a race, stunt show or speed test

When Insurance Ends

Your insurance ends if you notify your employer or policyholder to terminate your coverage, you stop making premium payments, your employment terminates, you cease meeting the member definition or the group policy terminates.

Child and spouse insurance ends when your insurance ends, they cease to meet the definition of child or spouse, you stop making premium payments for child or spouse insurance, spouse or child insurance is no longer offered under the group policy or the group policy terminates.

Group Insurance Certificate

If coverage becomes effective and you become insured, you may receive a group insurance certificate containing a detailed description of the insurance coverage, including the definitions, exclusions, limitations, reductions and terminating events. The controlling provisions will be in the group policy. The information present in this summary does not modify the group policy, certificate or the insurance coverage in any way.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PERSONS ON MEDICARE: THIS IS NOT MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE

Some healthcare services paid for by Medicare may also trigger the payment of benefits from this policy.

This insurance pays a fixed dollar amount, regardless of your expenses, for each day you meet the policy conditions. It does not pay your Medicare deductibles or coinsurance and is not a substitute for Medicare Supplement insurance.

Medicare generally pays for most or all of these expenses.

Medicare pays extensive benefits for medically necessary services regardless of the reason you need them. These include:

- Hospitalization
- Physician services
- Hospice
- Outpatient prescription drugs if you are enrolled in Medicare Part D
- Other approved items and services

This policy must pay benefits without regard to other health benefit coverage to which you may be entitled under Medicare or other insurance.

Before you buy this insurance:

- Check the coverage in all health insurance policies you already have.
- For more information about Medicare and Medicare Supplement insurance, review the Guide to Health Insurance for People with Medicare, available from Standard Insurance Company.
- For help in understanding your health insurance, contact your state insurance department or state health insurance assistance program (SHIP).

About Standard Insurance Company

For more than 100 years, we have been dedicated to our core purpose: to help people achieve financial well-being and peace of mind. Headquartered in Portland, Oregon, The Standard is a nationally recognized provider of group employee benefits. To learn more about products from The Standard, visit us at **www.standard.com**.

The Standard is a marketing name for StanCorp Financial Group, Inc. and subsidiaries. Insurance products are offered by Standard Insurance Company of Portland, Oregon, in all states except New York. Product features and availability vary by state and are solely the responsibility of Standard Insurance Company.

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